

## RISKED LIFE IN A BURNING HOUSE

Mr. J. H. Devine Made a Desperate Effort to Save His Money.

## SHADOW OF THE GROUND HOG

He Saw It at Scottsville and Trouble Followed. Marriage.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SCOTTSVILLE, VA., Feb. 2.—Al Glendower, at 2 A. M. Wednesday, J. H. Devine, who lives all alone, discovered that their house was on fire and falling in. Mr. and Mrs. Devine barely escaped with their lives. The husband, remembering that he has about \$100 in money in the house, went back to try to save it and came very near losing his life in the attempt. His hair was burned from his head and his clothing from his body.

Everything was destroyed, and there was no insurance. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin and is the third of the kind in the Glendower neighborhood in two months.

A well-known New York lawyer, a former Virginian, has written the following letter to a prominent citizen of Scottsville:

"An appeal just received to help the poor of this city reminds me that you may have such poor in your town suffering this hard weather. Therefore, I herewith enclose check for \$10 to be distributed among the needy as you see fit."

A REWARD OFFERED.  
The Albemarle Mutual Insurance Company has offered a reward for the apprehension of the "Plain Dealer Fire Bug," stated as follows:

"As there seems to be some feeling in the community that the two fires on the 'Plain Dealer Farm' of Mr. W. N. Wilmer, occurring within one month, may not have been accidental, the Albemarle Mutual Insurance Company hereby offers a reward of \$500 for the detection, and such proof as will lead to the conviction, of any person or persons who set said buildings on fire."

The first month of the disciplinary closed here on February 1st. An electric plant, asphalt pavements, and a bridge across the James are a few of the things expected from the proceeds.

Messrs. Robert Durrett, of Scottsville, and Mark Durrett, of North Garden, have been appointed land assessors for the south side of Albemarle county.

Mr. William Staples, of Glendower, who shot himself a short time ago, is not improving. Besides his other afflictions, his jaw bone is shattered. Dr. J. P. Blair, of Scottsville, accompanied by Dr. Cole and Pinkerton, of Albemarle, is attending Mr. Staples.

Mr. Travers Alexander, of Warren, visited Scottsville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Irving, of Clifton Forge, are visiting the parents of Mr. Irving.

A MARRIAGE.  
Miss Ola Kidd, of Central Plains, and Mr. Ashby Shipp, of Brems, were married to-day at the Baptist parsonage by the Rev. J. R. Daniel.

The home of Mr. John Butler, near Scottsville, caught fire this week and came very near being burned.

The ground hog saw his shadow here without doubt, and the cold wave followed fast.

## MAJOR DIX HONORED.

Cross of Honor for Fredericksburg Man—Tenth Snow.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 2.—Major W. T. Dix, of this city, has received a cross of honor, sent to him by the George M. Bnaack Camp of Confederate Veterans, of Maryland, of which Major Dix is a member.

The cross was presented by the Stone Wall Jackson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, of Washington. Major Dix was a gallant Confederate soldier and a member of Company B, of Maryland.

Mr. B. P. Willis, superintendent of public schools of this city, has been notified that a scholarship at Bethel Academy, in Fauquier county, has been placed at his disposal, to be bestowed upon some worthy young man of this city, of his selection.

The tenth snow of the winter fell here last night. The ground is now covered to the depth of about seven inches, and the sleighing is excellent. More sleighs are in use this winter than have been known in this section for a number of years.

The smallpox situation in Spotsylvania county is considerably improved. The scare has subsided, the patients are recovering, and but few deaths have resulted.

A number of the public schools in the rural districts in this section have had to close on account of the severe winter weather. The many children are said to have had a harder time this winter than for a number of years. In some instances they have had their feet frostbitten and have been injured by the cold and exposure in other respects. These people are probably the poorest of any class, considering the hardships they have to put up with.

## LAND OF FLOWERS AND SUNSHINE

California Woman's Letter of Special Interest to People in—

At this season of the year a letter from the land of flowers and sunshine is of special interest to our readers. The following letter from the Holden Drug Co., of Stockton, Cal., one of the largest drug houses on the Pacific coast, is of especial interest. They write: "Enclosed is a letter from one of the most prominent residents of this city. She will not allow her name to be published in the newspapers, but we can furnish it to anyone writing us."

The letter is as follows:

"For some four years my daughter has had headaches, which seriously interfered with her school work. Until recently we attributed the trouble to eye strain, but having tried all the usual treatments of myeloid, we were satisfied that her trouble came from catarrh.

We purchased a dollar outfit, and within twenty-four hours great relief was experienced, and the loosening of mucous matter and the reduction of throat inflammation began. Sixty days' use of myeloid made nearly a complete recovery, which we consider very satisfactory after nearly four years of expense and fruitless treatment by other methods, and that we feel grateful to you for it."

Mrs.

This letter shows that many cases of sickness and debility are simply caused by catarrh and that they can be cured by myeloid. This is Nature's own method of curing catarrh, mediating the air you breathe.

A complete outfit, including the inhaler, costs but \$1, and extra bottles are only 50 cents.

## THE FIRST ON BETTER SERVICE

Charges Against Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Company.

## THEY PROMISE AMENDMENT

Interesting Statements Before the State Corporation Commission.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., Feb. 2.—An investigation into the complaints made against the passenger service of the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railroad Company, affecting especially the division between here and Washington, was commenced this morning by the State Corporation Commission in the Corporation Court room in this city. At the hour of opening the room was crowded by witnesses and other citizens who had gathered out of a general interest in the proceedings. A varied list of glaring deficiencies was represented in the testimony against the railroad. The cars were pictured as unsafe, unsanitary and ramshackle. The system was declared to be a wretched make-shift in which neither form nor order prevailed and the schedule was pronounced of interest only as a curiosity without practical significance. Business men told of financial losses owing to delays and interruptions of traffic and persons employed daily in Washington poured forth a volume of complaints.

COMPLAINANTS' SIDE.  
The Commission is composed of three members—Judge Beverly F. Crump and Messrs. Henry Fairfax and Henry Stewart. First Assistant Clerk Lanier and Bailiff J. W. Williams are the officers of the Commission on duty here. Corporation Attorney Gardner L. Boothe appeared in the interest of the City Council and Attorney Leo P. Harlow, in the interest of the Alexandria and Washington Commuters' Association. The railroad was represented by Attorney R. Walton Moore. In his statement to the tribunal, Mr. Boothe asserted that the movement was a general one against a miserable service. He said the company had promised everything but had performed nothing. So exasperating had been the traffic conditions, Mr. Boothe said, that many people had been forced to leave Alexandria to reach Washington. He presented the following specific complaints:

First—Insufficient trackage and rolling stock.

Second—Delay in running trains (a period of from one and one-half to two hours being charged as a not unusual time for the trip between Washington and Alexandria).

Third—The condition of the cars with respect to cleanliness.

Fourth—Insufficient facilities for heating. In this respect the railroad has been almost criminal, Mr. Boothe thought.

SPECIFIC REQUESTS.  
He made the following specific requests:

First—For at least ten new motor cars of fifty-horse power each, to be put into operation not later than August 1, 1935.

Second—A double track from Alexandria to the bridge across the Potomac to be completed not later than July 1, 1935.

Third—Heating apparatus to be put in at once.

Fourth—Road-bed and joints to be systematically attended to, the work to be gotten under way before July 1, 1935.

Fifth—The purchase and operation of a snow sweeper by the company.

Sixth—A surplus supply of lamps to be carried for emergency.

Mr. Boothe said that since the people of Alexandria could place absolutely no dependence upon the promises of the railroad company, he would ask that the commission provide a fine of \$100 per day for violation of any orders which the body might direct.

Mr. Moore, for the company, said he was anxious for an early settlement of the controversy and said he would not cross-examine witnesses. In behalf of the company, he promised a complete change in the operation of the road so that it would meet all the demands of the public.

Mr. Charles P. King, the president of the road, was at the session to-day. He will make a statement after the other evidence is all in.

## A BREAK DOWN.

The Commission Wait an Hour and Then Take Cabs.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The Virginia Corporation Commission is in Washington to-night, after having spent a good portion of the day hearing the case of the citizens of Alexandria against the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railroad Company.

The commission came to Washington to-night by way of the line against which there is so much complaint, and just as the car on which they were riding entered the District of Columbia there was a breakdown, which involved a wait of nearly an hour in the unheated car, with the currying going towards zero at headlong speed.

Finally the company had to bring cabs from the city and transfer passengers by that means. It is hardly to be presumed that the experience of the members of the commission will have a tendency to make them more lenient in the view which they will take of the case when they render a decision.

The case has excited a great deal of interest in Alexandria, and the hearing to-day was attended by a large crowd, including many women, who were eager to testify that the company was very deficient in providing for the comfort of the public. A list of a dozen well-known ladies of Alexandria, genuine commuters, testified against the company.

The testimony for the defense will be taken to-morrow, but a decision will hardly be announced before the commission returns to Richmond. Hon. B. Walton Moore is counsel for the company.

## GRANTED BAIL.

Negroes Accused of Grave Crime Temporarily Free.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOWLING GREEN, VA., Feb. 2.—Gus and George Pryor, negroes, who were arrested, charged with the killing of Richard Johnson, a negro, were carried to Spotsylvania county and taken before Thomas S. Bullock, a justice of the peace, for a preliminary examination.

Summons were issued for fourteen witnesses for the Commonwealth, only one of whom appeared, who was not examined. The justice postponed the case until a date a dozen well-known ladies of Alexandria, genuine commuters, testified against the company.

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Pittsburg Phil's Remains.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 2.—The remains of "Pittsburg Phil" (George D. Smith), who died at a sanitarium here recently, are being taken to Pittsburg, Mo., this afternoon, accompanied by the mother, brother and nephew of the deceased.

# South-Atlantic Life Insurance Company,

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

Assets . . . . . \$354,977.38  
Legal Reserve for the Insurance in Force . 126,943.00  
Surplus Assets for the Protection of Policyholders . 227,670.26

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## THE JURY BY WHICH FISHBURNE IS BEING TRIED.



1.—L. O. Williams. 4.—T. R. Hancock. 7.—R. R. Penn. 10.—J. M. Draper.  
2.—C. T. Jamison. 5.—J. M. Barbour. 8.—W. B. Houchins. 11.—J. P. Wade.  
3.—H. T. Webb. 6.—H. W. Peak. 9.—B. W. Angle. 12.—Tazewell Helms.  
13.—M. D. Moss, Deputy Sergeant. 14.—T. R. Tillett, Sergeant.

## FISHBURNE'S TRIAL NEARING ITS CLOSE

The Concluding Speech Will be Made To-day—The Argument Yesterday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., February 2.—The argument of counsel for the defense in the Fishburne trial took up all the day in the Corporation court to-day.

Edward Robertson, who began yesterday, closed his lengthy speech at 12 o'clock. He made a touching appeal to the jury, and at the close, which brought tears to their eyes and some of the relatives. His speech covered every point in the case, but was mainly devoted to attacks on the evidence of witnesses for the prosecution. He criticized strongly the testimony of Mrs. Lefew, Mrs. Moyer, the dying statement of Dr. Lefew, and at times attacked some of the witnesses.

He was followed by Judge A. A. Phelan, who made an able argument, and made the law in the case conspicuous. In criticizing the dying statement of Dr. Lefew, he said he was weak and he held Dr. Brown responsible for the inaccuracies. He claimed that the statement of Lefew, that Blasingame said "I will kill you for that new car," was untrue.

He argued that under the evidence and instructions the jury should find Fishburne not guilty. Judge Phelan was followed by James P. Woods, who reviewed the evidence at

length, especially the surgical portion. He closed at 5 o'clock, and Judge Robertson asked the court to excuse him from beginning his speech, as he felt very badly. He stated that he would open to-morrow morning and complete his speech by the noon recess.

"That," said Mr. Smith, "will make about twenty hours for the defense."

"Surely," said Judge Robertson, "you do not expect to keep up with us in time."

"No," replied Mr. Smith, "I want to return to Richmond alive."

## PLANT TRANSFERRED.

Shenandoah Furnace Changes Hands—Hold-Up Trial.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WOODSTOCK, VA., Feb. 2.—The transfer of the valuable furnace property situated at Liberty furnace, Shenandoah county, from the Columbia Liberty Iron Company and the Monarch Blast Furnace Company, under an agreement, was made to the Shenandoah Iron and Coal Company yesterday, involving the transfer of property valued at one hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars. The Shenandoah Iron and Coal Company was recently chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia with a capital stock of nine hundred thousand dollars, and is headed by ex-Governor William H. Merriam, of Minnesota, and late census director, associated with a syndicate composed of gentlemen from New York and Philadelphia.

This agreement, which was recently recorded in the clerk's office of Shenandoah county, required the purchasers to turn over \$100,000 upon delivery of possession of the property, \$10,000 upon delivery of deed, and the balance in installments of \$10,000 each, to be paid on the first of each month.

The trial of the cases against James Gaffney, preferred by James H. Brown, who alleges that Gaffney held him up with a Winchester rifle and robbed him of \$200, while paying off former hands of the Monarch Blast Furnace Company, is set for leaving next Tuesday.

## SPENCE, THE SHOE AND TRUNK MAN,

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OPPOSITE RUEGER'S,

with a stock of Trunks, Satchels and Suit Cases, larger than was ever shown in this city before.

Gents' and Boys' Shoes in all styles and leathers.

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**E. H. SPENCE,**  
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## GOVERNOR WILL HEAD REGIMENT

Accepts Invitation of Colonel Higgins to Accompany Troops in Inaugural Parade.

## RIVERS CHOKED WITH ICE

Judgment Against Magistrate Who Was Leader in Good Government Contest.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., February 2.—Col. A. M. Higgins, commander of the 11th Regiment, which is to attend the inauguration of President Roosevelt, says Governor Montague has accepted an invitation to accompany the regiment to Washington, and that he will ride at the head of the regiment in the parade.

Accumulating ice interferes with the river traffic here materially. The bay line and the Chesapeake line steamers which left Baltimore yesterday morning twelve hours late, arrived last night, having passed field ice and new ice as far down as Smith's Point. They experienced difficulty in breaking through. Both steamers left for Baltimore on time to-night. The Rappahannock steamer due here yesterday did not arrive until late this afternoon.

## Magistrate in Trouble.

Judgment was rendered in the Corporation court to-day against Justice of the Peace J. J. Bick for \$25, on account of excessive fees charged by him. He was a leader in the Good Government factional contest.

Spurred contests have begun in Princess Anne county among the candidates for the Legislature and the clerkship of the Circuit Court. The choice of the primary will be equivalent to an election. Dr. George T. Shedd, the present member of the Assembly, wishes to succeed himself, but he is opposed by former Representative A. E. Ewell, who has just announced his candidacy. For circuit clerk, the candidates are B. S. Capps, and O. L. Shipp, both of the Prince George district, Democrats, and A. E. Kellam, the present clerk, a Republican.

## Hudgins—Land.

C. C. Hudgins, of Bay Shore, Princess Anne county, and Miss Virginia Land, daughter of L. W. Land, were married last night at the home of the bride by Rev. D. B. Austin, pastor of Haygood Memorial Church, Princess Anne county. The couple left for a northern trip. Mr. and Mrs. Hudgins will reside at Bay Shore.

## LOUISA, BOND BROIL.

Judge Grimsley Summons Mrs. Baxter Before Him.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LOUISA, VA., Feb. 2.—Richard Srouse and Fred Napper, of the Green Springs district, were arrested and jailed here last night for assaulting Captain Herndon, a conductor on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, while on the train, this side of Gordonsville.

The case came up before Squire Hunter this morning, and was postponed until next week, so that witnesses may be summoned, and the parties were bailed for their appearance.

The Baxter-Gibson road trial is up again, a rule having been issued against Mrs. Baxter and her counsel to appear before Judge Grimsley here on Saturday next to show cause why they should not be held incompetent for getting out a counter injunction.

## AN UNRULY HORSE.

A Vehicle Wrecked and a Man Badly Hurt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WARRENTON, VA., Feb. 2.—While riding an unruly horse, about fifty feet from the main road, a man on a horse named Vance, county secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, was thrown and his mount and narrowly escaped serious injury. The animal bolted into the vehicle of F. A. B. Forman, throwing him out on the ground, wrecking the machine and landing squarely on top of his rider. Mr. Vance was rendered unconscious, a couple of teeth were broken, and he was badly bruised, but he is supposed to be suffering only from shock.

## SHOT HIMSELF.

Charles Behrens Commits Suicide at Quinton.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
QUINTON, VA., Feb. 2.—Charles Behrens, who was shot and killed in his room this evening about 4 o'clock.

He leaves a wife and several children. No cause for the rash act is known. He had been despondent several days.

## NERVOUS DYSPEPSIA.

A CURE FOR ALL.

Not a Patent Cure-All, Nor a Modern Miracle, But Simply a Rational Cure for Dyspepsia.

In these days of humbuggery and deception, the manufacturers of patent medicines, as a rule, seem to think that medicines will not sell unless they claim that it will cure every disease under the sun. And they never think of leaving out dyspepsia and stomach troubles. They are sure to claim that their medicine is absolutely certain to cure every dyspeptic and he need look no further. In the face of these absurd claims it is refreshing to note that the proprietors of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets have carefully refrained from making any such claims or false representations regarding the merits of this most excellent remedy for dyspepsia and stomach troubles. They make but one claim for it, and that is, that for indigestion and various stomach troubles Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is a radical cure. They go no further than this, and any man or woman suffering from indigestion, chronic or nervous dyspepsia, who will give the remedy a trial will find that nothing is claimed for it that the facts will not fully sustain.

It is a modern discovery, composed of harmless vegetable ingredients acceptable to the weakest or most delicate stomach. Its great success in curing stomach troubles is due to the fact that the medicinal properties are such that it will digest whatever wholesome food is taken into the stomach, no matter whether the stomach is in good working order or not. It rests the overworked organ and replenishes the body, the blood, the nerves, creating a healthy appetite, giving refreshing sleep and the blessings which always accompany a good digestion and proper assimilation of food.

In using Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets no dieting is required. Simply eat plenty of wholesome food and take these Tablets at each meal, thus assisting and resting the stomach, which rapidly regains its proper digestive power when the Tablets will be no longer required.

Nervous Dyspepsia is simply a condition in which some portion or portions of the nervous system are not properly nourished. Good digestion invigorates the nervous system and every organ in the body.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are sold by all druggists at 50 cents per package.